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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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REGIONAL REFERENCE STANDARDS LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had undertaken a scheme to set up Regional ReferenceStandards Laboratories (RRSL) during the Ninth Five Year plan;

(b) if so, the number of RRSL opened during this plan period alongwith their location;

(c) whether the existing RRSL at Ahmedabad is being modernised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The scheme for establishment of Regional Reference Standards Laboratories was taken up prior to the Ninth FiveYear Plan. However, establishment of two Regional Reference Standards Laboratories, one at Faridabad for the northern region and anotherat Guwahati for the north-eastern region, was initiated during the Ninth Plan period.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : Modernization of the existing RRSL at Ahmedabad during the Ninth Planperiod was taken up at a total cost of Rs. 54 lakhs. This included renovation of the laboratory building at a cost of Rs. 17 lakhs and purchase of standard equipment for the laboratory at a cost of Rs. 37 lakhs.